

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:)) Chapter 11
))
FTX TRADING LTD., <i>et al.</i> , ¹)) Case No. 22-11068 (JTD)
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Debtors.)) (Jointly Administered)
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**COVER SHEET OF FOURTEENTH MONTHLY FEE APPLICATION OF
JEFFERIES LLC FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES
RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED AS INVESTMENT
BANKER FOR THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS FOR
THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2024 TO AND INCLUDING JANUARY 31, 2024**

Name of Applicant:	<u>Jefferies LLC</u>
Authorized to Provide Professional Services to:	<u>Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors</u>
Date of Retention:	<u>Order entered February 15, 2023 (effective as of December 23, 2022) [Docket No. 729]</u>
Period for Which Compensation and Reimbursement Are Sought:	<u>January 1, 2024 – January 31, 2024</u>
Amount of Compensation Requested:	<u>\$225,000.00</u>
Amount of Compensation Requested Immediately:	<u>\$180,000.00</u>
Amount of Compensation to be Held Back:	<u>\$45,000.00</u>
Amount of Expense Reimbursement Requested:	<u>\$1,217.40</u>

This is a(n): X monthly interim final application

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FOURTEENTH MONTHLY FEE APPLICATION OF JEFFERIES LLC**HOURS BY PROFESSIONAL
JANUARY 1, 2024 – JANUARY 31, 2024****Summary of Hours by Professional
January 1, 2024 - January 31, 2024**

Name	Position	Hours
Michael O'Hara	Managing Director, Co-Head of US Debt Advisory and Restructuring	36.5
Ryan Hamilton	Senior Vice President, Debt Advisory and Restructuring	31.5
Timothy Shea	Senior Vice President, Financial Institutions Group	23.0
Alexander Gavin	Vice President, Financial Institutions Group	14.5
Daniel Homrich	Vice President, Debt Advisory and Restructuring	68.5
Lee Eller	Associate, Financial Institutions Group	12.5
Jack Harris	Associate, Financial Institutions Group	8.5
Lars Hultgren	Analyst, Debt Advisory and Restructuring	67.5
Sebastian Carri	Analyst, Debt Advisory and Restructuring	53.0
Abhilash Parath	Analyst, Financial Institutions Group	16.5
Total		332.0

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HOURS BY ACTIVITY
JANUARY 1, 2024 – JANUARY 31, 2024

Summary of Hours by Category

January 1, 2024 - January 31, 2024

Category Code #		Hours
1	Case Administration / General	39.5
2	Sale Process	-
3	Creditor Communication	61.0
4	Debtor Communication	30.5
5	DIP Financing	-
6	Testimony Preparation	-
7	Plan of Reorganization	-
8	Travel	-
9	Due Diligence / Analysis	154.5
10	Business Plan	-
11	Process Update and Case Strategy	46.5
Total		332.0

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EXPENSES BY CATEGORY
JANUARY 1, 2024 – JANUARY 31, 2024

Jefferies LLC
Summary of Expenses by Category
January 1, 2024 - January 31, 2024

Category	Expenses
Printing	\$97.80
Employee Overtime Meal	52.60
Legal Fees	1,067.00
Total	\$1,217.40

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Jefferies LLC (“Jefferies”), the investment banker for the official committee of unsecured creditors (the “Committee”) in the chapter 11 cases of the above captioned debtors and debtors in possession (the “Debtors”), hereby submits this fourteenth monthly fee application (this “Monthly Fee Application”), pursuant to sections 328, 330, and 331 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”), rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), rule 2016-2 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “Local Rules”), and the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals* [Docket No. 435] (the “Interim Compensation Order”), requesting (a) allowance of compensation for professional services rendered on behalf of the Committee during the period from January 1, 2024 to and including January 31, 2024 (the “Compensation Period”) in the amount of \$225,000.00; (b) payment in the amount of \$180,000.00, which is equal to 80% of

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Jefferies' unpaid fees earned during the Compensation Period; and (c) allowance and reimbursement of 100% of the actual and necessary expenses incurred by Jefferies during the Compensation Period in connection with such services in the amount of \$1,217.40. In support of this Monthly Fee Application, Jefferies respectfully represents as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (this "Court") has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference* from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware dated as of February 29, 2012. This is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2). Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

2. The statutory and other bases for the relief requested in this Monthly Fee Application are sections 328(a), 330, and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rule 2016, Local Rule 2016-2, and the Interim Compensation Order.

BACKGROUND

3. On November 11 and November 14, 2022 (as applicable, the "Petition Date"), the Debtors filed their voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors continue to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107 and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.

4. On January 15, 2022, the Office of the United States Trustee for Region 3 (the "U.S. Trustee") filed the *Notice of Appointment of Committee of Unsecured Creditors* [Docket No. 231], and on December 20, 2022, the U.S. Trustee filed the *Amended Notice of Appointment of Committee of Unsecured Creditors* [Docket No. 261].

5. On January 9, 2023, the Court entered the Interim Compensation Order, which generally sets forth the procedures for interim compensation and expense reimbursement for

retained professionals in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases. The Interim Compensation Order provides, among other things, that, after the twentieth (20th) day following service of a monthly fee application, the applicant may file a certificate of no objection with the Court, at which time the Debtors are authorized and directed to pay such professional eighty percent (80%) of the fees and 100 percent (100%) of the expenses requested in the monthly fee application that are not subject to an objection.

6. On January 18, 2023, the Committee filed an application to retain and employ Jefferies as its investment banker [Docket No. 520] (the "Retention Application"), effective as of December 23, 2022, pursuant to the terms of that certain engagement letter between Jefferies and the Committee, dated as of December 23, 2022 (the "Engagement Letter").² A copy of the Engagement Letter was appended to the Retention Order (as defined below) as Exhibit 1.

7. On February 15, 2023, the Court entered the order approving the Retention Application [Docket No. 729] (the "Retention Order"). The Retention Order, among other things, approved the Engagement Letter, as modified by the Retention Order, pursuant to section 328(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, and authorized the Debtors to pay, reimburse, and indemnify Jefferies in accordance with the terms and conditions of, and at the times specified in, the Engagement Letter.

RELIEF REQUESTED

8. By this Monthly Fee Application, Jefferies requests (a) allowance of compensation for professional services rendered on behalf of the Committee during the Compensation Period in the amount of \$225,000.00; (b) payment in the amount of \$180,000.00, which is equal to 80% of Jefferies' unpaid fees earned during the Compensation Period; and (c) allowance and

² Unless otherwise stated, all capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Engagement Letter.

reimbursement of 100% of the actual and necessary expenses incurred by Jefferies during the Compensation Period in connection with such services in the amount of \$1,217.40.

9. The \$225,000.00 in fees requested herein are on account of the \$225,000.00 Monthly Fee payable to Jefferies on January 23, 2024 in accordance with the Engagement Letter.

10. Although Jefferies, in line with market convention, does not bill by the hour, Jefferies kept track of its post-petition time in half-hour increments in accordance with the Retention Order. Such time records are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. During the Compensation Period, Jefferies professionals spent approximately 332.0 hours providing investment banking services to the Committee.

11. The fees charged by Jefferies have been billed in accordance with the Engagement Letter and the Retention Order and are comparable to those fees charged by Jefferies for professional services rendered in connection with similar chapter 11 cases and non-bankruptcy matters. Jefferies submits that such fees are reasonable based upon the customary compensation charged by similarly skilled practitioners in comparable bankruptcy cases and non-bankruptcy matters in the competitive national investment banking market.

12. There is no agreement or understanding between Jefferies and any other person, other than members of the firm, for the sharing of compensation to be received for services rendered in these chapter 11 cases.

ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES

13. Jefferies incurred certain necessary expenses during the Compensation Period for which it is entitled to reimbursement under the Engagement Letter. As set forth in detail on the

attached **Exhibit B**, Jefferies' total expenses for the Compensation Period are \$1,217.40.³

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

14. The undersigned has reviewed the requirements of Local Rule 2016-2 and certifies that, to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, this Monthly Fee Application complies with that rule.

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3 The expense reimbursements requested herein may not include certain expenses incurred by Jefferies during the Compensation Period but not processed as of the date hereof. Any such expenses will be included in future monthly fee applications.

WHEREFORE, Jefferies respectfully requests (a) allowance of compensation for professional services rendered on behalf of the Committee during the Compensation Period in the amount of \$225,000.00; (b) payment in the amount of \$180,000.00, which is equal to 80% of Jefferies' unpaid fees earned during the Compensation Period; and (c) allowance and reimbursement of 100% of the actual and necessary expenses incurred by Jefferies during the Compensation Period in connection with such services in the amount of \$1,217.40.

Dated: March 11, 2024
New York, New York

JEFFERIES LLC

/s/ Leon Szlezinger
Leon Szlezinger
Managing Director and Joint Global Head of
Debt Advisory & Restructuring
JEFFERIES LLC